REPORT

FROM

STANDING COMMITTEE A

ON THE

Local Authorities (Ireland) (Qualification of Women) Bill

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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STANDING COMMITTEE A.

[*Tuesday, 14th February,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the three Standing Committees for the consideration of all Public Bills, not relating exclusively to Scotland, which may be committed to a Standing Committee:—

STANDING COMMITTEE A.

Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda).
Sir George Agnew.
Sir William Anson.
Mr. Armitage.
Mr. Attorney-General.
Mr. Baldwin.
Mr. Barlow.
Colonel Bathurst.
Mr. Barton.
Sir John Bethell.
Mr. Boland.
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Mr. Cotton.
Mr. Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Esslemont.
Mr. Fell.
Sir Fortescue Flannery.
Mr. Fleming.
Major Gastrell.
Sir James Gibson.
Mr. Gill.
Mr. Gordon.
Mr. Goulding.
Mr. Gwynne.
Mr. Haddock.
Sir Ivor Herbert.
Mr. Higham.
Mr. Edgar Jones.
Mr. John.
Mr. Kelly.
Sir George Kemp.
Mr. Kyffin-Taylor.
Mr. Lansbury.
Mr. Law.
Sir Maurice Levy.
Mr. Lewis.
Mr. MacCaw.
Mr. MacNeill.
Mr. Martin.
Captain Morrison-Bell.
Mr. Newdegate.
Sir Gilbert Parker.
Mr. Peel.
Mr. Rainy.
Sir George Scott Robertson.
Earl of Ronaldshay.
Mr. Herbert Samuel.
Mr. Stanier.
Mr. George Thorne.
Mr. John Ward.
Mr. John Wilson.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL.

[*Tuesday, 21st February,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees) (Chairmen's Panel),—Mr. Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection; That they had selected the following Eight Members to be the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of the Four Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47: Sir David Brynmor Jones, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. John William Wilson, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Arthur Stanley, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.

[*Wednesday, 22nd February,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Standing Committee A as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

[*Thursday, 2nd March,* 1911]:—Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel),—Mr. Stuart-Wortley *reported* from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Stuart-Wortley to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A.

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Mr. Stuart-Wortley further *reported* from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had agreed to the following Resolution: That any Member of the Chairmen's Panel be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairmen's Panel to take his place temporarily in case of necessity: And that, in the absence of the Chairman of the Chairmen's Panel, the Panel may be convened at the request of any two Memhers of the Panel.

[*Tuesday, 7th March,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. MacNeill; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Walter Nugent.

[*Monday, 27th March,* 1911]:—Standing Committee (Chairmen's Panel),—Mr. Stuart-Wortley *reported* from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had discharged Mr. Stuart-Wortley from heing Chairman of Standing Committee A, and had appointed Colonel Griffith-Boscawen to act as Chairman of Standing Commitee A, in his place.

[*Friday, 28th April,* 1911]: Local Authorities (Ireland) (Qualification of Women) Bill,—read a second time, and *committed* to a Standing Committee.

[*Monday, 1st May,* 1911]:—

DISTRIBUTION BY MR. SPEAKER, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 47, OF BILLS COMMITTED TO A STANDING COMMITTEE.

Name of Bill.	Standing Committee.
Local Authorities (Ireland) (Qualification of Women) Bill. .	A

[*Thursday, 4th May,* 1911]:—Standing Committees,—*Ordered,* That all Standing Committees have leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings, and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them.—(*Mr. Eugene Wason.*)

[*Tuesday, 16th May,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Esslemont and Sir Ivor Herbert; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Anderson and Mr. Thomas Harvey.

[*Thursday, 18th May,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to Standing Committee A the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the Local Authorities (Ireland) (Qualification of Women) Bill and of the Public Roads (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Hugh Barrie, Mr. Stephen Gwynn, Captain O'Neill, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Lardner, Captain Craig, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Brady, Mr. Mitchell-Thomson, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Lewis Haslam.

Report to lie upon the Table.

[*Tuesday, 18th July,* 1911]:—Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel),—Mr. Stuart-Wortley *reported* from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had discharged Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen from being Chairman of Standing Committee A; and had appointed Mr. Stuart-Wortley to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A, in his place.

[*Wednesday, 19th July,* 1911]:—Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr Fenwick *reported* from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Memhers from Standing Committee A (in respect of the Local Authorities (Ireland) (Qualification of Women) Bill and of the Public Roads (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Samuel; and had appointed in substitution (in respect of the said Bills): Mr. Birrell and Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.

REPORT.

STANDING COMMITTEE **A**, to whom the LOCAL AUTHORITIES (IRELAND) (QUALIFICATION OF WOMEN) BILL was referred;—Have gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

20*th July,* 1911.

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STANDING COMMITTEE A.

Thursday, 20th July, 1911.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. STUART-WORTLEY in the Chair.

Mr. Armitage.
Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.
Mr. Hugh Barrie.
Mr. Barton.
Colonel Bathurst.
Mr. Brady.
Mr. Cecil.
Mr. Clough.
Mr. Fell.
Mr. Gill.
Mr. Higham.
Mr. Joyce.
Mr. Kelly.
Mr. MacCaw.
Mr. MacVeagh.
Mr. Newdegate.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien.
Mr. Rainy.
Sir George Scott Robertson.
Mr. Thompson.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES (IRELAND) (QUALIFICATION OF WOMEN) BILL

Clause 1, *disagreed to.*

Clause 2.

An Amendment made, in page 1, line 10, after the word "Act," by inserting the words "shall apply to Ireland only and"—(*Mr. Kelly*).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to.*

New Clause ("Women to be eligible as county or borough councillors or aldermen in Ireland") brought up and read the first and second time as follows:—

> "(1) A woman shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage for being elected or chosen or being a councillor or aldermen of the council of any county or borough.
>
> Provided that a woman, if elected or chosen as chairman of a county council or mayor of a borough, shall not by virtue of holding or having held that office be a justice of the peace.
>
> (2) Subsection (1) and the words 'other than a borough' in subsection (2) of Article 12 of the Schedule to The Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, are hereby repealed"

—(*Mr. Kelly*).

Amendments made, in line 2, by leaving out the words "or aldermen"; and in line 3, after the word "borough," by inserting the words "or an alderman of the council of any borough"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).

Another Amendment proposed, in line 4, to leave out all the words from the word "Provided" to the word "peace," in liue 6 (both inclusive)—(*Mr. Barton*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn.*

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Ordered, To Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

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